

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Stronger Ties

IN the coming year, the Colony will celebrate the 116th anniversary of its foundation. There is nothing specially significant in this fact other than that it serves to emphasise the durable qualities of liberal British administration. Basically, too, governing policies have undergone little alteration since the start, largely because Hongkong's status as a centre of trade and commerce linking Britain and the Western world with the Far East remains much the same today.

To the outsider, it may seem strange that the Colony has not followed Singapore's lead in opting for a greater share of self-governing. But even the most devout advocates of reform here are chary of sweeping change—largely because they are aware of outside political and inside economic problems to which there is no clear or early solution.

THERE is, however, in the present generation an obvious "Colony consciousness" forming which differs markedly from anything Hongkong has ever known. In a sense it is a kind of national consciousness engendered by conditions which tend to isolate the Colony in relation to its former neighbouring colonies and to Britain itself. And this consciousness is expressed in the form of spontaneous solidarity with the majority united in determination to surmount the pressing problems of the times.

What is even more welcome is that all sections of the community are consciously imbued with a spirit of determination to see this purpose achieved. But it would be a pity if the Colony became so independent in its way as a result of its geographical isolation that it lost sight of the fact that its future is inseparably linked with Britain. And unfortunately too few of the population know Britain well enough to look to it as the benevolent guardian of its destiny.

There has been over the years a steady flow of students from Hongkong to British universities. This is welcome enough but there are many working men and women who do quite vital jobs in this Colony who have not been so lucky and who may never have the chance of seeing at first hand the British way of life. Industrialisation now decrees that many promising technicians and managers be sent abroad. And while some employers may regret the associations that some of their proteges have made while overseas, by and large the scheme has been a success.

HIS Excellency the Governor recently advocated wider application of this scheme. And while many firms are sending locally-recruited staff to Britain to familiarise them with latest production techniques, many more with the means to do the same thing could profitably follow their lead. The tragedy of many former British possessions is that the path of separatism was—and still is—often dictated by widely propagated fallacies of the functions and purpose of British administration. It is up to individuals here—more than government—to recognise the danger of delusions, and how steadfastly they take root in soil made fertile by prejudice and suspicion. Luckily Hongkong is largely free of both but it is the time now to begin fusing the Colony's growing solidarity and its awareness of maturity with much more substantial ties with the head of the Commonwealth family.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"

- RACE 1**
Atomic Caesar
Invincible
New Love
Outsider: Snowy
- RACE 2**
United Victory
Ringway
Spinning Wheel
Outsider: Old Tyre
- RACE 3**
Misty Law
Ecstasy
All Gay
Outsider: Chinese Mackerel
- RACE 4**
Hiram C
Fel Chi
Silver Dahlia
Outsider: Gladie
- RACE 5**
How Do I Know
Same Again
Beautiful Phoenix
Outsider: Highlight
- RACE 6**
The Champ
Jip On
Tom Thumb
Outsider: Super-King
- RACE 7**
Cheerful
Jettified
Winsome
Outsider: Supreme Command
- RACE 8**
Strathpeffer
Free Success
Gallant Knight
Outsider: Jemima P.
- RACE 9**
Expectation
Miracle
Char Ting
Outsider: Straight Flush
- RACE 10**
Castle Peak
Cordon Rouge
L'Arc Triomphe
Outsider: Rainbow

By "The Turf"

- RACE 1**
Invincible
The Kangaroo
Atomic Caesar
Outsider: New Love
- RACE 2**
Old Tyre
United Victory
Ringway
Outsider: Oceanic Sky
- RACE 3**
Misty Law
Squadron Leader
Chessington
Outsider: Chinese Mackerel
- RACE 4**
Bayshore
Fox Hunter
Gladie
Outsider: Silver Dahlia
- RACE 5**
Beautiful Phoenix
Highlight
Hellzapoppin
Outsider: Violet Ray
- RACE 6**
Half Moon Bay
Geronimo
The Champ
Outsider: Tom Thumb
- RACE 7**
Cheerful
Winsome
Jettified
Outsider: Raja
- RACE 8**
Jemima P.
Gallant Knight
Free Success
Outsider: Vagabond King
- RACE 9**
Straight Flush
Expectation
Dragonfly
Outsider: Char Ting
- RACE 10**
Castle Peak
L'Arc Triomphe
Knock-Again
Outsider: First Edition

TODAY'S TEASER TIP

for the 7th race
Still full of Christmas spirit, maybe?
The teaser tip for the previous meeting was Calamity which won and paid \$24.10

By "Daybreak"

- RACE 1**
Atomic Caesar
Invincible
New Love
Outsider: The Kangaroo
- RACE 2**
Chatterbox
Ringway
United Victory
Outsider: Oceanic Sky
- RACE 3**
Misty Law
Tonyber
Chinese Mackerel
Outsider: All Gay
- RACE 4**
Fox Hunter
Gladie
Hiram C
Outsider: High Speed
- RACE 5**
Same Again
Hellzapoppin
Beautiful Phoenix
Outsider: Violet Ray
- RACE 6**
Half Moon Bay
John Halifax
Can Do
Outsider: Geronimo
- RACE 7**
Cheerful
Allied Victory
Winsome
Outsider: Eagle King
- RACE 8**
Jemima P.
Gallant Knight
Strathpeffer
Outsider: Vagabond King
- RACE 9**
Straight Flush
Dragonfly
Expectation
Outsider: Mincola
- RACE 10**
Castle Peak
L'Arc Triomphe
Cordon Rouge
Outsider: Huntington

By Young Hall

- RACE 1**
(1) Atomic Caesar
(2) Invincible
(3) The Kangaroo
- RACE 2**
(1) Chatterbox
(2) Old Tyre
(3) Oceanic Sky
- RACE 3**
(1) All Gay
(2) Ecstasy
(3) Misty Law
- RACE 4**
(1) Fel Chi
(2) Silver Dahlia
(3) Gladie
- RACE 5**
(1) How Do I Know
(2) Beautiful Phoenix
(3) Violet Ray
- RACE 6**
(1) Half Moon Bay
(2) The Champ
(3) Super-King
- RACE 7**
(1) Winsome
(2) Raja
(3) Allied Victory
- RACE 8**
(1) Jemima P.
(2) Free Success
(3) Fortuna
- RACE 9**
(1) Dragonfly
(2) Expectation
(3) Sea Raider
- RACE 10**
(1) Castle Peak
(2) L'Arc Triomphe
(3) Rainbow
- PLACE PROGRESSIVES OF THE DAY**
Race 3: (6) Ecstasy
Race 4: (15) Silver Dahlia
Race 5: (4) Expectation

COMMUNIST FISHING FLEET ATTACKED

London, Dec. 26. The Peking radio tonight accused South Korea of attempting to seize a Red Chinese fishing vessel on the high seas and kidnapping two Chinese seamen.

"Syngman Rhee's warships... called in their efforts to take the vessel but carried two Chinese fishermen away," said a New China News Agency dispatch monitored here.

It said other vessels of the Communist fishing fleet were in the rescue and the South Korean vessels had to flee leaving behind four guards placed on board the Chinese vessel.

The armed provocation and piratical act perpetrated by the Syngman Rhee clique on the high seas has aroused great indignation among the Chinese people and will certainly call for full vengeance on the part of the peace-loving people throughout the world.

The broadcast said South Korean "warships" attacked the Red Chinese fishing vessel No. 51 and "killed" some Chinese fishing vessels that sailed to the rescue.

Worst Disaster Since 1906 Earthquake

San Francisco, Dec. 26. The worst disaster since the 1906 San Francisco earthquake has hit California with the coming of torrential rains after a week of widespread flooding in the centre and north of the State.

It was feared that the total number of deaths in California and part of Oregon also ravaged by the floods was much higher than the latest official figure of 43.

A number of families fleeing flood-stricken Yuba City by automobile were believed to have perished when swollen waters of the Plume River overspilled the river dykes, inundating roads around the city.

The situation was reported to be still deteriorating in central California, where a number of rivers were in full flood.

A large part of Joaquin county, one of the State's richest agricultural areas, was under water.—France-Press.

The train was halted at a red signal on a single line near the town of Guarema when four coaches loaded with coke broke away from a goods train halted high up the mountain and came crashing into the stationary train at a speed of about 125 miles an hour.

Identification of bodies is proving difficult as most of the train passengers were emigrants without identification papers travelling in search of jobs in the newly prosperous province of Minas Gerais.

Rescue teams have been rushed to the spot from Sao Paulo. The causes of the accident cannot be determined until the track is cleared.—France-Press.

When they reached the police station, Went, 24-year-old lorry driver, was the least exhausted of the party, an inspector said. Though handcuffed, he was alleged to have thrown one policeman to the ground 12 times and the other four times each. Two had to go to hospital injured.

Went was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for assaulting the three officers and fined £3 for being drunk while in charge of a bicycle and disorderly conduct.—China Mail Special.

any specific measures following the incident. It did not say what would be done with the four "Syngman Rhee sailors" who were brought back by the Chinese fishing fleet.

RUSSIA CUTS MILITARY EXPENDITURE Parliament Receives 1956 Budget

Moscow, Dec. 26. Russia will cut her defence spending by about 10 per cent in 1956 to permit greater development of the public economy and culture, the Soviet Finance Minister, Mr A. G. Zverev, told the opening session of the Supreme Soviet, Russia's parliament, today.

He also announced slight reductions in the money to be spent next year on heavy industry and agriculture, but a substantial increase on housing investment and increased production of some consumer goods.

His budget speech was one of two major items on this week's agenda for 1,347 deputies of the Supreme Soviet's two chambers, the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities.

They will also hear either Marshal Nikola Bulganin, the Prime Minister, or Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Communist Party leader, report on their month-long Asian Tour.

Western observers noted the absence of any "sub-redding" in the Finance Minister's speech, indicating that the Soviet Union would maintain its policy line of peaceful co-existence and negotiations between East and West.

They expected Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev to develop this later in the session.

Estimated defence expenditure for 1956 would be 102,800 million roubles (about £2,316 million) at the official rate of exchange compared with 112,122 million roubles (about £2,511 million) allocated last year, Mr Zverev said.

"The reduction in military expenditure means that the Soviet Union is showing concern not in words but by deeds for the reduction of international tension and for the guaranteeing of peace and security," he said.

"The Soviet Union will continue to work for the development of international confidence among nations by means of negotiations and personal contact between heads of nations."

Western observers said the reduction in defence spending is likely to be less than appears from the figures, in view of a general cut in wholesale prices announced by the Finance Minister. This likely to mean that the government will get more supplies for less money.

A SURPLUS
Mr Zverev said that budget revenue in 1956 was estimated at 591,000 million roubles (about £13,146 million), with expenditure estimated at 588,800 million roubles (about £12,984 million) and an estimated budget surplus of 2,200 million roubles (about £496 million).

The 1955 budget figures were: 590,192 million roubles for revenue, 593,492 million roubles for expenditure, with a surplus of 26,710 million roubles.

Total allocation for the national economy in 1956 will be 347,000 million roubles (about £7,750 million), with an allocation of 231,518 million roubles (about £5,145 million) for social and cultural measures.

and the coal, oil, metallurgical, chemical, building, machine construction and electric power industries.

The government will increase capital investment in housing by 14 per cent, which will result in an 18 per cent increase in dwelling space.

The Soviet Union will produce in 1956 more cloth, shoes, household goods, furniture, television sets, watches and sewing machines, Mr Zverev said. His

budget was passed to the two Houses for separate discussion. The session, which lasted just over two hours, was attended by Marshal Bulganin, Mr Khrushchev, the Soviet President, Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, and other party and government leaders, including former Premier Georgi Malenkov.

The leaders of Persian and Parliamentary delegations visiting the Soviet Union addressed the session.—Reuter.

3 In Family Of Five Slain By Bandits

Algiers, Dec. 26. A nine-year-old boy told today how 30 Algerian outlaws killed his father, mother and older brother and then permitted him and a three-year-old brother to escape wounded from an ambush on a road in the Setif region.

Nine-year-old Jean-Claude Gherardi told his story to reporters who interviewed him in Setif hospital about the ambush, which took place when the family was driving home after Christmas shopping in Ampere, 40 miles south of Setif.

He said they were about two miles from their home at Chareme when outlaws started firing on them from bushes.

His father, M. Antoine Gherardi, 34, a European forest warden, and his mother were wounded in the first salvo.

"I tried him behind a bush at the edge of the path. I kissed him and started to run. My arm still hurt but I went as fast I could. Soon I reached Chareme where I reported everything," Jean-Claude said.

Troops rushed to the scene of the attack and saw a band of 30 rebels in flight.—Reuter.

"But my brother Alain could not make it. He is too small. He is only three and he was losing blood. He was crying. 'I did not want to leave him, but I had to give the alarm at any price.'"

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"Mummy was hit again and died. Then my brother Rene. The car had run into the ditch. The outlaws rushed up.

"Only my little brother Alain, who was wounded in the thigh, and I were alive. 'I was wounded too. My arm hurt a lot. I had been hit four times.

"Horridly, we watched one of the bandits point to us and ask in French, what shall we do with them—finish them off?"

"But the leader replied scornfully, 'No, let them go.'"

"The outlaws had taken my father's car. I took Alain's hand and we fled into the forest.

COULDN'T MAKE IT
"I knew the way to Chareme. We only had to follow the path. I was afraid the outlaws would come back.

Britain Had A Rainy Boxing Day

London, Dec. 26. Britons — apart from Scots — today enjoyed the second of a three-day public holiday.

It was "Boxing Day," so called from the Christmas gratuities of presents to servants being at one time placed in boxes and given on that day.

A third day's holiday tomorrow has been decreed by the government to ensure that people do not lose a day off from work because Christmas Day this year fell on a Sunday.

Boxing Day is not a holiday in Scotland which has one on New Year's Day.

A CONTRAST
In contrast to yesterday, when Britons had their sunniest Christmas day since 1900—3½ hours—the weather was dull and rainy with occasional bright intervals.

Tonight many parents will give their children one of their biggest treats—a visit to the theatre to see a pantomime—an acted fairy or traditional story.

For hundreds of families a brightly illuminated nativity scene staged in the south transept of St Paul's Cathedral, was an object of pilgrimage today.

LARGER THAN LIFE
In the centre of a group of terra cotta plaster figures, all larger than life size, are the Madonna and Child. High above the manger in the act of blessing stands the Angel Gabriel.

Other figures included Joseph, bringing in hay for the manger, the three Magi, shepherds and cherubs and children representing the four races of mankind.

It is hoped the figures may remain permanently in the Cathedral.—Reuter.

European Killed
Algiers, Dec. 26. One European civilian was killed when Algerian terrorists threw a grenade yesterday into the European quarter of Cornetia, a village in northeastern Algeria; it was reported here today.

Another seven people were injured, including a lieutenant and two non-commissioned officers of the French security forces.—France-Press.

Visit To Hankow
London, Dec. 26. A group of professors and lecturers of the Hongkong University led by Professor Edmund Blunden left Peking today for a visit to Hankow and Canton on their way back to Hongkong, New China News Agency reported.—Reuter.

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FOUR KILLED IN MOROCCO

French Patrol Clashes With Rebels

Rabat, Dec. 25.

Four people were killed and at least eight injured in terrorist incidents and clashes with rebels in Morocco over the Christmas weekend.

In the Rif mountains a Senegalese infantryman was killed when a French patrol clashed with rebels between Gourend and Tahar Souk.

At Sidi Mokhl, north of Fez, several hundred tribesmen stormed the home of a local Caliph (tribal chief's deputy) and set it on fire. One of the attackers was killed by bodyguards and at least eight people injured.

The Caliph himself disappeared and is believed to have been dragged off into the hills.

French troops killed two rebels near Berkane on Friday night.

About 700 Moroccan sentenced for political or terrorist crimes by Moroccan tribunals were freed under a general amnesty last week. French tribunals usually tried Moroccan charged with more serious terrorist crimes.—Reuter.

Wrote To Coty

Usually well informed sources said Sultan Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef is believed to have written to President Rene Coty of France asking for the freeing of Moroccan undergoing sentences imposed by French military courts.

'Ham' Broadcast

Saves Child

Vienna, Dec. 25.

A doctor at Grumden Hospital, Upper Austria, who is also an amateur radio enthusiast, has saved the life of a five-year-old child by broadcasting an appeal for a special drug.

The Dutch Red Cross, contacted by an amateur radio operator in Holland who received the message flew a supply of the drug to Vienna. Another amateur placed it aboard an express for Grumden, where it arrived in time.—China Mail Special.

BOMB FOUND IN CATHEDRAL

Paris, Dec. 25.

Police found a time bomb ticking in the world famous Sacred Heart Cathedral today while Christmas worshippers prayed nearby.

They defused it only a short time before it was set to explode at noon. Another bombing apparently was planned at the even more famous Notre Dame, one of the great cathedrals of the world.

Police Commissioner Raoul Farge, whose men discovered the bomb said it was part of a crank plot protesting against atomic bombs and nuclear tests.

Sensational

It was a sensational Christmas Day plot that sent police racing to both Cathedrals and hurriedly shuffling through letters

at the main post office for clues.

They found letters addressed to Pope Plus, former Radical Socialist Premier Edouard Herriot and various newspapers and news agencies boasting of the bombing of Sacred Coeur and Notre Dame "as a protest against continued building of atom bombs and the continuation of nuclear experiments."

The letters were signed "Daniel, Count de Paris." Central Police Headquarters said they have the man's description and that it appeared the act of an unbalanced person.

The first hint of the plot came late on Christmas Eve when fire headquarters advised police it had received a letter warning that both Notre Dame and Sacred Coeur would be destroyed during the night.

Telephone Call

Then this morning an anonymous caller telephoned the police headquarters that a bomb was set to go off in Sacred Coeur at about 10.30 a.m.

"We thought it was a joke but decided to send along a policeman," M. Farge said. "He and the Sacristan began searching the church which was crowded with Christmas worshippers."—United Press.

Communists Expected To Get More Seats In French Assembly

Paris, Dec. 26.

The Christmas truce in the French election campaign ends today with one week to go before polling day on January 2.

Two former premiers will be resuming their speaking tours at Lyons today. They are M. Pierre Mendes-France and M. Pinay the one a Radical "new dealer" the other a Conservative.

EXPECTANT MOTHER MURDERED

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 25.

A young mother-to-be, fatally attacked on her way back from confession, was posthumously delivered of a child by surgeons of the Toledo hospital tonight.

The mother, Joan Burlage, had left her husband and her two other children, Marie 4 and James Robert, 3, to walk to the hospital chapel for confession.

Her husband, awaiting her return, was horrified suddenly to see her standing before him, blood streaming from a throat-wound trying unsuccessfully to call his name.

Dashing to the phone, he called the police, who immediately sent an ambulance. When Joan was brought in, however, it was already too late. Surgeons performed a Caesarian operation and safely delivered a girl-child, which they say has every chance of surviving.

The motive for the attack was robbery. A blood-stained dagger was found near where Joan had been attacked. Her handbag was missing.—France-Press.

In the same town Pierre Poudjade, leader of the tax resistance movement will hold an electoral meeting.

Though M. Poudjade is likely to make his speech a general attack on the old National Assembly the biggest issue in the minds of most electors and candidates at the moment is Algeria.

Electors want to know whether more national servicemen will have to go and help fight Algerian rebels.

May Know

They may know the answer when the Government special liaison mission returns from Algeria with its report on the political and military situation there. The mission leaves today for Algeria.

Meanwhile the Sunday newspaper Journal Du Dimanche has published a forecast that it will be just as hard to find a stable government majority in the new National Assembly as it was in the old.

The forecast is based on an estimate by the Prefects who represent the Government in the 90 departments of Metropolitan France. It was pointed out that the Prefects tend to be cautious.

They said the Communist Party would end up with 125 Deputies compared with 84 in the last Assembly.—Reuter.

Party For HK Professors

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

A British cultural party of 24 members, headed by Prof. Edmund Charles Blunden of Hongkong University and his wife, were feted on Sunday night at a farewell party, Radio Peking reported.

The party was given in honour of the departing British group by Chu Tu-tan, President of the Communist Chinese People's Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, the broadcast said.

More than 100 prominent persons, both in government and educational circles, including Premier Chou En-lai, Liu Hsiang-shan, Vice-President of Tsinghua University, Chou Pei-yuan, Dean of Peking University and British Charge d'Affaires C.D.W. O'Neill attended the party, the broadcast added.—United Press.

LIFE SENTENCE

Manila, Dec. 26.

A Chinese was sentenced to life imprisonment on Saturday after a Manila judge found him guilty of the murder in 1932 of a Chinese waiter at the El Cairo Hotel in downtown Manila.

Convicted was Chua Pio, who killed Ngo Kap with a knife, as a result of a quarrel over a girl.—France-Press.

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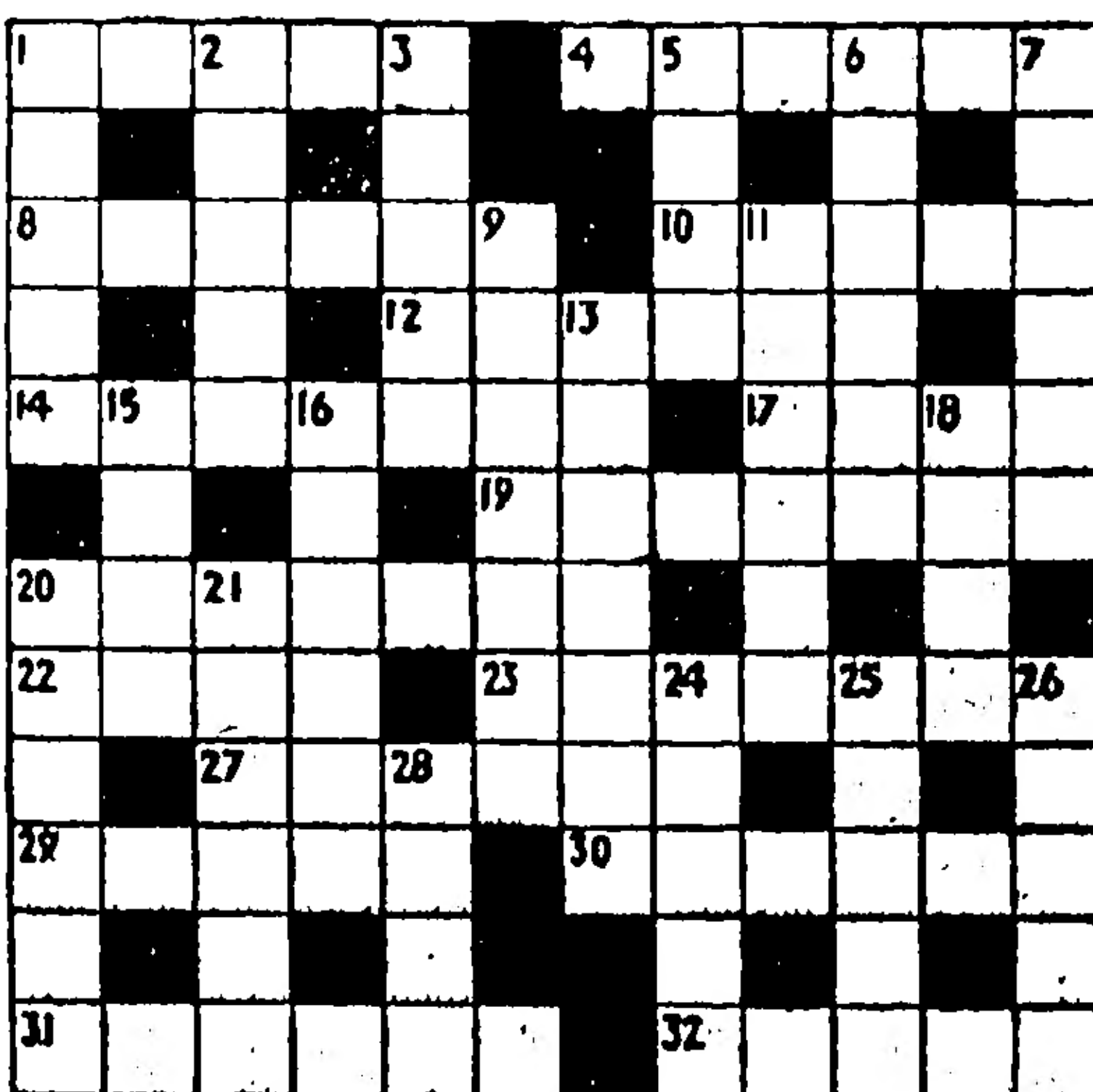
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 - Thin covering (6).
 - Kind of jacket (6).
 - Speak (5).
 - Reposed (6).
 - Alarm (7).
 - Luke (4).
 - Shunned (7).
 - Cop (7).
 - Mark of a blow (4).
 - Whipping out (7).
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 - Contrive (6).
 - Lubricant (6).
 - Giant (6).
- DOWN**
- Ventures (5).
 - Stadium (6).
 - Vigilant (6).
 - Islet (4).
 - Dodged (6).
 - Staggered (6).
 - Tells (7).
 - Sends (6).
 - Cut apart (7).
 - Volume (4).
 - Decayed (6).
 - Curb (4).
 - Land (6).
 - Chant (6).
 - Skilled (6).
 - Fool (6).
 - Unimpaired (6).
 - Requests (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 3 Campaign, 8 Mount, 9 Resolute, 11 Tormentor, 13 Loos, 15 Repaired, 18 Director, 19 Cars, 21 Tattered, 25 Espouse, 26 Dope, 27 Treasure. Down: 1 Only, 2 Fair, 4 Apex, 5 Pebb, 6 Injury, 7 Needs, 9 Rapid, 10 Sooty, 13 Opera, 14 Bore, 16 Tiles, 17 Seeds, 19 Chest, 20 Ripen, 21 Ties, 22 Row, 23 Roost, 24 Death.

THE QUEEN'S X'MAS BROADCAST

Inspiring Message To The Commonwealth

Sharp Soviet Criticism Of US

Moscow, Dec. 25. About 1,000 deputies of the Russian Supreme Soviet today heard leaders of their group in the Inter-Parliamentary Union sharply criticise the United States for opposing the entry of China into the union which Russia joined earlier this year.

Members of the Soviet group in the Union met in the Kremlin to hear reports on the results of the 44th conference of the Union in Helsinki in August and on the 101st session of the Union's executive committee in Delhi last month.

Mr Mikhail Mikhalov, deputy chairman of the Soviet group and Minister of Culture, said in the first report: "Some delegates of the United States spoke at the conference as if there had been no conference of the heads of governments at Geneva in July."

KEFAUVER NAMED

Among such delegates he named Senator, Estes Kefauver, chairman of the armed services sub-committee, but added that other American delegates "reacted in a friendly way" to Soviet proposals for closer contacts between parliaments.

Mr Mikhalov condemned a threat by the United States delegation to walk out if the Chinese parliamentary group were admitted to the Union.

Mr Mikhalov welcomed the results of the recent Asian tour of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party chief.

He said the tour "bears convincing witness to the leading role the Soviet Union plays in consolidating the forces fighting for peace."

"COLONIALISM"

Many speakers during the debate condemned "colonialism" and declared that the Soviet Union "regards with great sympathy the struggles of the peoples of Africa and Asia for their independence."

Parliamentary delegations from Poland and Persia, at present visiting the Soviet Union, also attended the meeting.

The meeting adopted a resolution which declared among other things that Chinese Communist membership was of particular importance for the further activities of the Union.—Reuter.

COMPLICATED DIVORCE

San Francisco, Dec. 25. Tamara Edel Rees, 31, is seeking to divorce her husband ten years after she divorced her wife.

Filing suit for divorce here she stated that she was born Robert Egan Rees, served in a paratroop regiment in the Second World War and was wounded and decorated.

She had an operation in 1954 which changed her sex and last July married a Hollywood make-up man.

They separated last month when he objected to her appearing as a striptease artist. She said that she intended to continue her stage career.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 25. Queen Elizabeth said today that a large part of the world looks to the Commonwealth for a lead in a voyage of discovery "to make the world a better place."

In her traditional Christmas Day broadcast to the Commonwealth, the 29-year-old Queen considered some of the problems existing in the fields of science and human behaviours.

"We still have to solve the problem of living peaceably together as nations and as people," she said.

The text of Her Majesty's broadcast follows:

"No doubt you have been listening as I have to the messages which have been reaching us from all over the world. I always feel that just for these few minutes the march of history stops while we listen to each other and think of each other on Christmas Day.

"For my husband and myself, and for our children, the year that is passing has added to our store of happy memories. We have spent most of it in this country and we have enjoyed seeing many parts of the British Isles which we had not visited before.

"Now a new year will soon be upon us and we are looking forward to seeing something of Nigeria, that great country in Equatorial Africa where more than 30 millions of my people have their homes.

AN ADVENTURE

"For them and for all of us each New Year is an adventure into the unknown. Year by year new secrets of nature are being revealed to us by science—secrets of immense power for good and evil according to their use. These discoveries resolve some of our problems; but they make others deeper and more immediate.

"A hundred years ago our knowledge of the world's surface was by no means complete; today most of the blanks have been filled in.

"Our new explorations are into new territories of scientific knowledge and into the unknown regions of human behaviours.

"We have still to solve the problem of living peaceably together as nations and as people.

"We shall need the faith and determination of our forebears when they crossed uncharted seas into the hidden interiors of Africa and Australia, to guide us on our journeys into the undiscovered realms of the human spirit.

Hurricane Deaths

Buenos Aires, Dec. 25. At least two persons were killed and many injured in a hurricane which raged in the Buenos Aires region tonight.

The death and injuries were caused by the collapse of walls and the fall of roof tiles.

The high velocity winds lasting several hours ripped up trees and roofs, and destroyed telephone and telegraph wires.—France-Press.

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MUST PLAY PART

"We must adventure on if we are to make the world a better place. All my peoples of the Commonwealth and Empire have their part to play in this voyage of discovery. We travel all together, just as the Maori tribes sailed all together into the mysterious South Pacific to find New Zealand.

"There are certain spiritual values which inspire all of us. We try to express them in our devotion to freedom which means respect for the individual and equality before the law.

"Parliamentary government is also a part of this heritage. We believe in a conception of a government and opposition and the right to criticise and defend.

"All these things are part of the natural life of our free Commonwealth.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

"Great opportunities lie before us. Indeed a large part of the world looks to the Commonwealth for a lead. We have already gone far towards discovering for ourselves how different nations from north and south, from east and west can live together in a friendly brotherhood, pooling the resources of each for the benefit of all.

"Every one of us can also help in this great adventure. For just as the Commonwealth is made up of different nations, so those nations are made up of individuals. The greater the enterprise, the more important our personal contribution.

"The Christmas message to each of us is indivisible: there can be no peace on earth without goodwill toward men.

"Scientists talk of chain reaction—of power releasing yet more power. This principle must be met true when it is applied to the greatest power of all: the power of love.

"My grandfather, King George the Fifth, in one of his Christmas broadcasts when I was a little girl, called upon all his peoples in these words: let each of you be ready and proud to give to his country the service of his work, his mind and his heart.

THE TWO STEPS

"That is surely the first step to set in motion the chain reaction of the powers of light, to illuminate the new age ahead of us.

"And the second step is this: to understand with sympathy the point of view of others within our own countries and in the Commonwealth, as well as those outside it.

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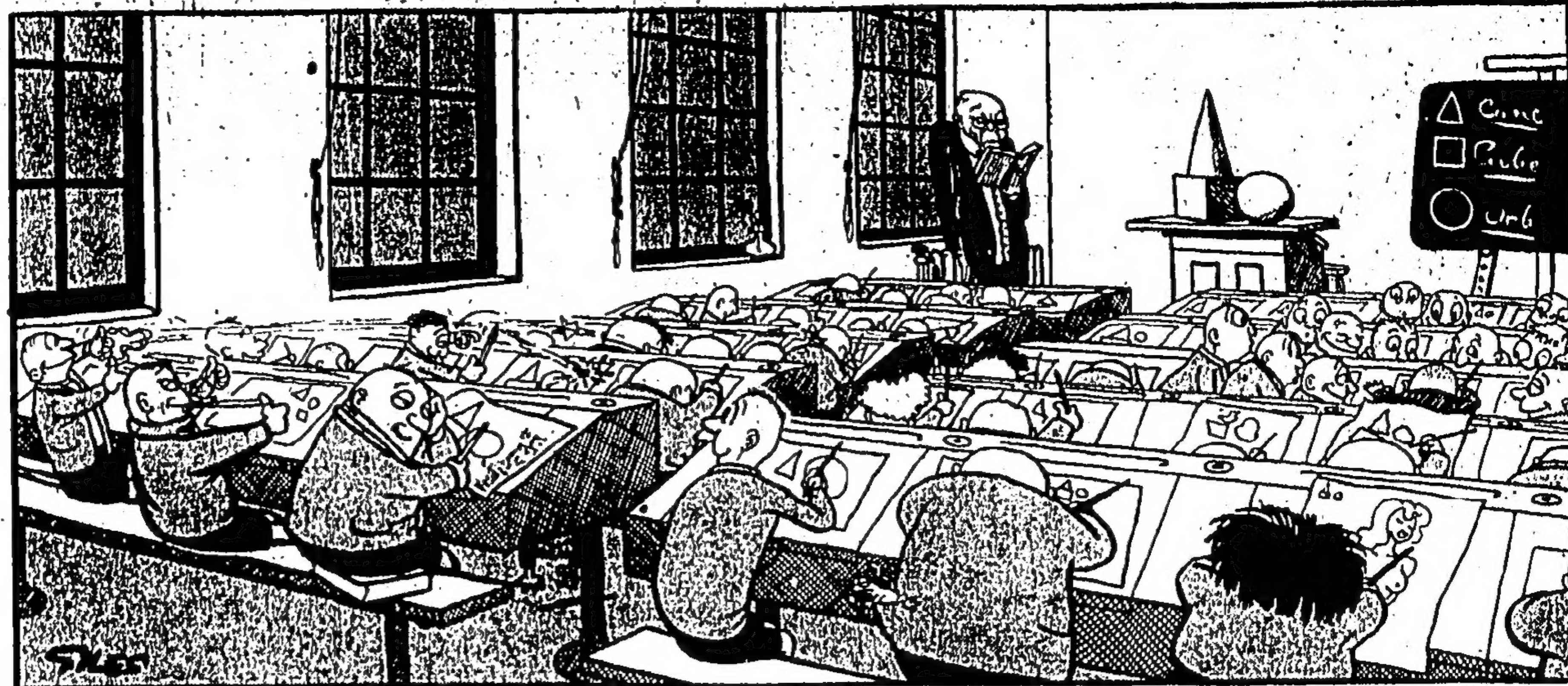
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Wire trail over her carpet in the suburban
flat. A cricket bat props open the front
door. The woman who once held hands with
Elgar is making one more "quality record"

MRS WALLICH GETS TWENTY-THREE WELSHMEN TAPED

A BURST of Welsh song came through the gap where a cricket bat propped open the front door. Upstairs, in her St. John's Wood flat, Mrs Isabella Wallich, director of a recording company, is getting down to work.

Her company is a year old this month. Its headquarters are still in the living-room, where wires trail over the carpet, and \$600 worth of recording equipment stands between the armchairs. It is a comfortable room to work in—the piano is draped with a travelling rug and not a Spanish shawl; and gay record covers advertise the firm's products from every free surface.

In between snatches of music for twenty-three Welshmen and two harps, Mrs Wallich told how it all began.

Mrs Wallich agrees. Her word is authoritative. Raymond Lavy reaches for the scissors.

"Isabella is never wrong," whispers Mrs Pritchard.

The hollow voice of the loud-speaker breaks in: "Tape 4," it announces. Another recording of the same heart-straining choral music takes the air. "We did five tapes of this," says David Pritchard Thomas, reminiscing about the two-day trip to Wales the week before, "and each is better than the last. It's incredible." Mr Thomas slaps his knee.

Oh, so cosy

THE FIFTH version follows. Mrs Wallich's brown eyes shine.

The door opens, almost knocking over the loudspeaker. The house-keeper appears with a tray of coffee.

"It's really much too cosy," says Mrs Wallich. "When I move to my palatial premises, there'll be none of this."

But there probably will be. For Mrs Wallich will never move to a conventional office; insists on staying at home where she can look after her family.

The only work she cannot do at home is the actual recording and talent-spotting. She is very proud of her discovery, at an Ilford concert, of tenor Brychan Powell, Welsh farmer's son, particularly as it was her uncle who discovered another singing son of a farmer.

His name was Caruso. Her uncle heard the unknown tenor in Milan and immediately cabled his firm for permission to offer him £100 for six records. Permission was refused. Too expensive, said the firm.

Although she never met Caruso, Isabella Wallich did meet Elgar, when she was a 16-year-old piano student at the Paris Conservatoire.

Too severe

HER UNCLE allowed her to bring the composer to the concert hall.

One record Uncle Fred never made was one of his niece at the piano. He was much too severe, it seems. Will she make one now? "Heaven forbid," she replies.

He was so nervous we had to hold hands all the way," said Mrs Wallich.

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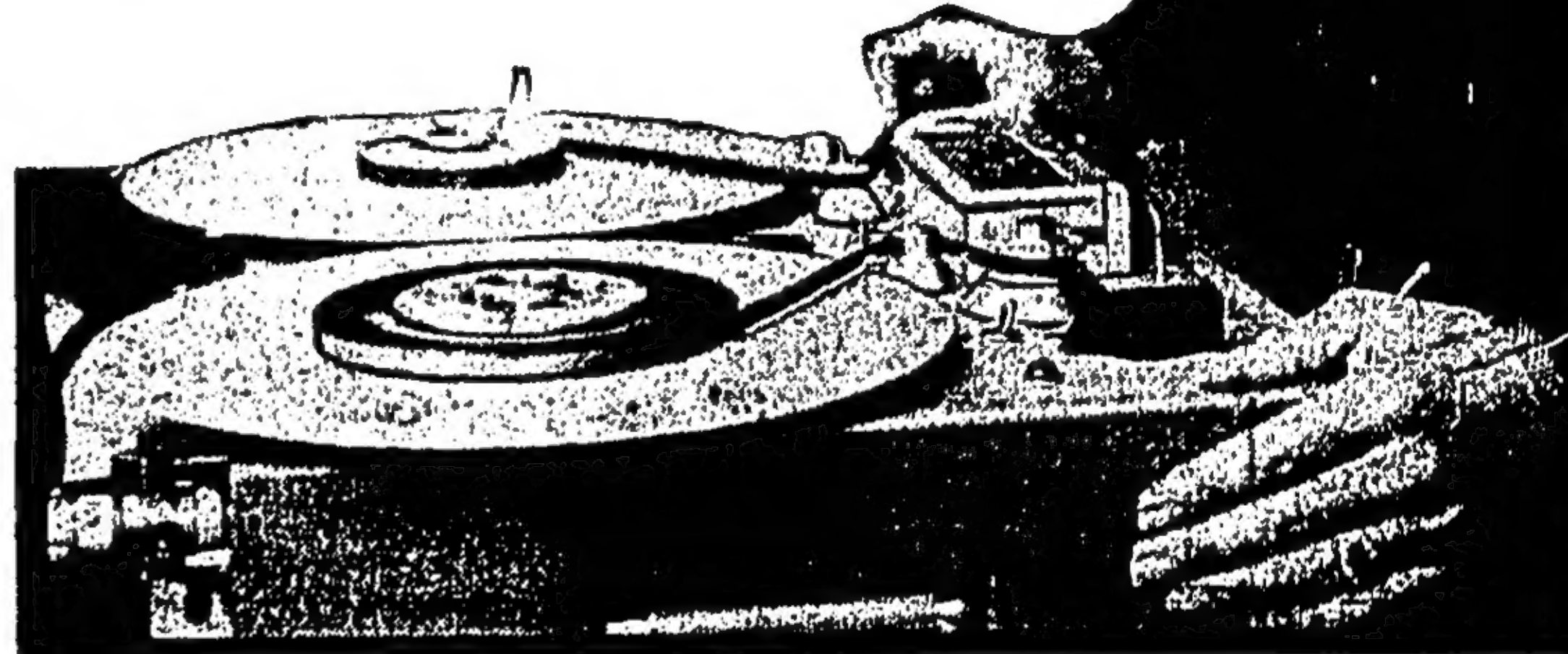
Thirty-nine and Milan-born—her father was Italian and her mother American—Mrs Wallich displays no sign of temperament over business worries. There are printing difficulties—each gave a lot of trouble when his picture was printed on a record cover and lost his looks in pale blue. There are other problems, such as hiring the hall and finding that your artists have not turned up.

The machinery is only a little more complicated.

"But we never let worry get us down," said Mr Thomas. "We just stamp it underfoot."

He stamped. The carpet showed it was not the first time.

The telephone rang feebly, cutting in on the choir. The men were on their way to fit a new carpet.



Mrs Wallich listens in—her word is law . . .

MR X TOOK A BIG GAMBLE AND IT PAID DIVIDENDS

By JOHN CLARKE

NOTHING could have looked more innocent than the fountain pen carried by the RAF man who had been shot down over Occupied Europe. His German captors felt no qualms about letting him keep and use the pen.

They did not know that, as well as ink, the pen contained a comprehensive escape outfit—five tiny compasses; one kind of dye that would colour a uniform dark blue; another, more concentrated, sufficient to camouflage several uniforms; even a supply of aspirin and benzodrine tablets.

The pen was one product of the fertile, unconventional, and highly independent mind of a man whose whole war effort was devoted to devising escape aids for captured Servicemen.

A SECRET

For security reasons, the name of the man who invented the fountain pen-plus must still remain secret. But his story is told in the first person, and its subject emerges as a man who overcame with exhilarating con-

fidence the frowns and disapproval of conventional Whitehall minds.

When the production of tiny compasses was crippled by a stray bomb that destroyed his headquarters, School, whose headmaster Mr X (as this book calls him) found that

its replacement would demand so many sanctions, permits and other official marks of approval, that delay to production would have been "interminable."

"I decided to try a gamble," he writes. "I picked up the phone and sent off a six-page telegram to Lord Beaverbrook explaining the situation and imploring his intervention. My report on all they contained, demands. The foundations of a bigger and better factory had done a job that would have taken Mr X several weeks."

Hardly ever did Mr X adopt conventional tactics. These were setbacks. Irritated, setting up as a self-appointed expert in escape devices, he thought he heating can of soup he had

Do You Know The Answers?

By ROBERT PITMAN

WHAT does the name Wilhelm Gustloff mean to you? Nothing at all? That would have been my answer until now. Yet it was, the merchantman Wilhelm Gustloff which suffered the most appalling disaster in the history of the sea.

Early in 1945 the decks of this German ship were packed tight with U-boat men, with German refugees fleeing from their Eastern conquests. Suddenly, off Danzig, a torpedo struck. In a few minutes the ship had lurched under the surface and over 7,000 people had been drowned.

Who fired the torpedo? To this day no certain answer has been given.

I take this sombre item from a new stockpile of figures and facts. The Guinness Book of Records (Superlatives Ltd., 8s.). From this book I also learn that the record for beer-drinking is held by a Frenchman (24 pints in 52 minutes); that Scotland has the lowest murder rate in the world; that the Pilgrim Fathers played darts in the Mayflower; that there is an Italian bank clerk who has had only one hour's sleep since 1917; and that the American woman financier, Hetty Wills—who died in 1952 worth nearly £40,000,000—left her will in a tin box along with four pieces of soap.

THE TOPS

The book deals with other queries—how many can you answer?

1. The most hard-kicking alcoholic drink in the world?
2. The costliest commercially-sold cat?
3. The place with the world's highest marriage rate?
4. The country which sends most immigrants to Britain?
5. The gramophone record with the biggest world sale to date?

(For the answers, see Page Ten)

In most things, of course, America has the most—the world's most massive land-vehicle (a moving shovel which moves 2,200 tons); the world's largest building (the Pentagon in Washington); the world's most married woman (14 times—with 13 divorces).

But Britain holds her own well. We still have the world's largest gas works, the busiest railway junction, the largest marquee. And we have the bugadigar with the world's biggest bird vocabulary (over 300 words).

Finally there is the achievement of the Englishwoman who at Sheffield in 1923 owned to 61 bigamous marriages in five years. Her world record still stands.

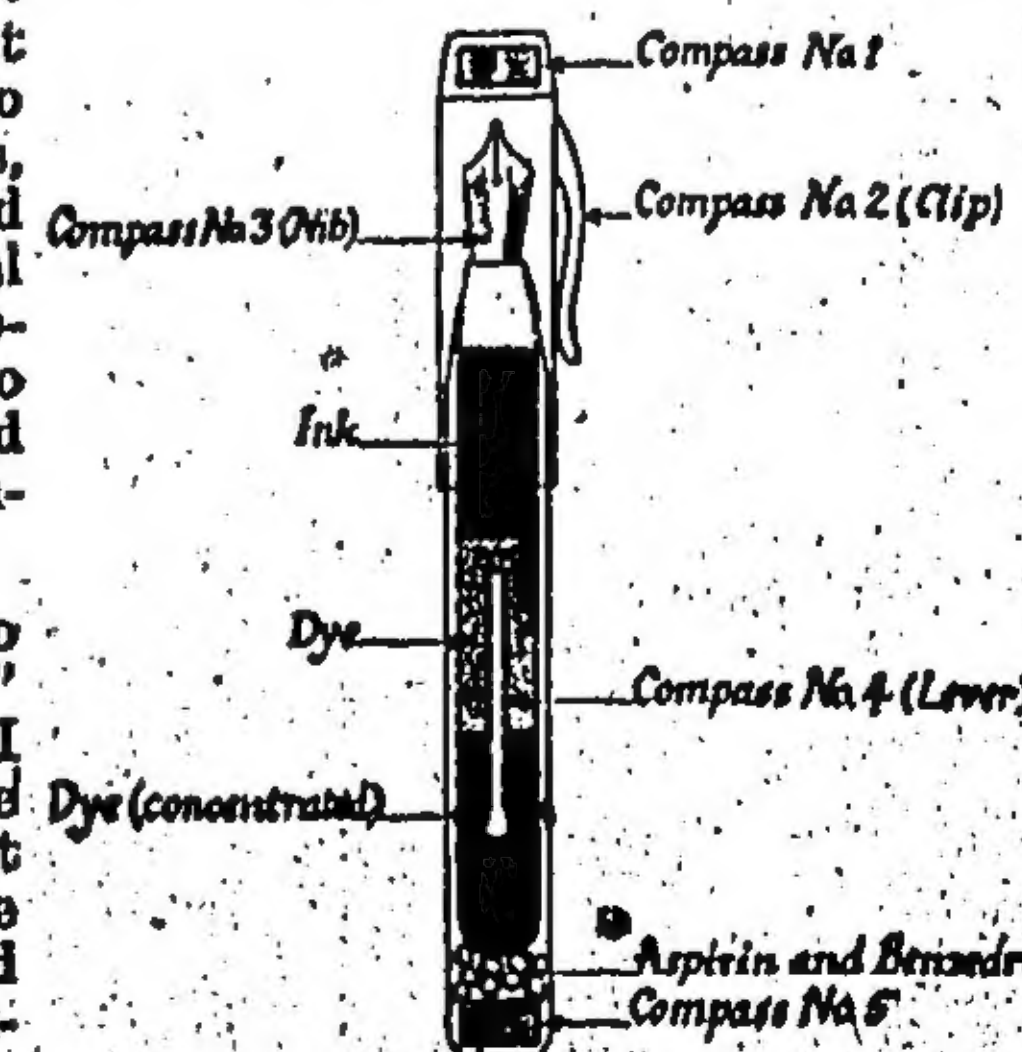
devised for aircrafs, Mr X decided to go to the top. To the Air Commodore in charge of the Service's purchasing organisation, he consigned a tin of soup in a 6ft-cube wooden crate marketed on the outside: "Personal," on its inner packing "Danger."

THE SOUP

Mr X as summoned to see a grim-faced Air Commodore, on whose desk stood the tin of self-heating soup. He explained his theory. If the outside skin of the tin were punctured, chemical processes would be set up that would boil the soup in less than a minute. He handed the Air Commodore a bradawl. "You try," he said. The Air Commodore did.

The resulting explosion singed the carpet, ruined the shiny desk-top, damaged the ceiling of the immaculate office, and brought in an army of eager firefighters who went to work with stirrup pumps and chemical extinguishers. "For some weeks, I steered warily clear of RAF units," says Mr X.

He emphasises that the enemy discovered "nearly every single one of the various devices employed." "Mr X," he writes, "was simply to keep one more ahead."



EASTERN 3, SING TAO 0

ENERGETIC EASTERN FIND TIGER TAMING ANYTHING BUT A DANGEROUS TASK

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Once again a great promise has gone unfulfilled. All the eager expectations that drew a 26,000 crowd to the Hongkong Stadium on Christmas Day failed to draw forth the anticipated feline fury of the Tigers and the day for them turned out to be as black as their shirts.

Eastern, with glaring defensive weaknesses in their line-up, were away ahead of their opponents in power, purpose and precision and in the end were easy winners.

After all the uncertainties of played in good sporting spirit. Eastern's recent match with For Sing Tao the whole affair South China, let me say, was a great disappointment. The result that on this occasion of Bobby Hornball there was not a hint of the line-up looked like a properly, and both sides can take a deal of credit for a game.

Defensive mobility there was a strange uncertainty in the rear lines for Cheung Kam-hoi has reached the stage where his brilliant brain is hatching plans that his trusty old legs can no longer put into execution.

The real tragedy for the Tigers, however, was in the vital last line of defence. Tam Nai-huen had an atrocious afternoon between the sticks. His judgment was frequently at fault and in addition to the fact he could be faulted for all three goals there were other occasions when he was fortunate to see his mistakes scamped clear by desperate defenders or wasted by over-eager Eastern forwards.

Since the remarkable re-creation of the Sing Tao spirit last season we have become used to their top-notch performances, their interchanging of position, their instinctive moves into the open space, and above all their indomitable determination to fight every inch of the way.

Where, O where, were these qualities on Sunday?

They started well enough, but after Tam Nai-huen had made a Christmas present of the opening goal to Ho Ying-fun the tearaway Tigers became listless lambs. They needed so badly the sort of soccer shepherding that the wise guidance of Hornball could have given, but not unfortunately from a remote seat in the stands.

The normal smooth working of the side was impaired and finally destroyed by the meaningless wanderings of Ng Wai-man who set this drama in motion, including a second half at down stroke cut no ice with the opposition or with the crowd.

AGREEABLY SURPRISED

From Eastern's point of view this was a satisfactory return to the winning way but they must have been agreeably surprised at the ease with which their success was achieved.

Chiu Chor-wing had a very poor game on the right. He was often caught out of position and his distribution of the ball was aimless. On the other side of the field Lo Pak, back in the side after a long absence, was so obviously right-footed that it was exasperating to watch fleet-footed Yeung Wai-to persistently trilling the ball inside and on to the full-back's stranglehold.

Ying-fun enjoyed a grand afternoon on the right wing and his accurate crosses should have produced a rich crop of goals. He was always the master of Lee Loy and Su Pei-yin, and this display must surely bring him bang into line for the Colony right wing position against the Austrians.

There was another big crowd to see the start of the game and early indications suggested that the Tigers were in with a great chance. The young forwards were moving well, but just as the pattern of the game was beginning to be traced by a striker and a bad blunder by goal-keeper Tam Nai-huen saw the ball going straight to Ho Ying-fun, and from him to the back of the Sing Tao net.

This blow shook the Tigers badly. Spaces began to appear in the defensive line-up and the inside-forwards started to struggle for the ball in spite of all this at looked as though they might fight their way out of the net but another goalkeeping calamity shattered their spirit and their hopes.

Lee Loy failed to clear a ball near the touchline and was caught in possession. Eastern transferred it quickly back and as the Sing Tao defence retreated en masse, a long diagonal pass swept the ball back to Ho Ying-fun on the right.

The winger beat his man and sent a high, limping cross into the goalmouth. It dropped out of the net but Tam Nai-huen, with one eye on Lau Chik-lan and one on Chen Kar-sau, forestalled the ball and it swung under the bar and into the net.

The game was virtually over. Sing Tao's spirit faded and they

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Today's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Fourth Racing Meeting of the season will start today, and will be concluded on Monday, January 2, 1956.

The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. both days, the first race starting at mid-day. The tiffin interval will be taken after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.). The Fifth Race begins at 3.00 p.m.

The programme on each day will consist of 10 events. On the most important event will be the Proudstown Handicap for Class 2 ponies while on Monday the Steward's Cup will form the main attraction.

Here are my estimates of the chances

FIRST RACE

Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The opening race on Tuesday is a sprint event confined to Class 7 ponies and, judging from its last outing, Atomic Caesar, which will again be the mount of Starr Liu, will probably do better over this distance and may well win.

Real opposition should come from Invincible (P. Plumby).

K. Kwok will take out New Love and it has been whispered that this pony stands a good chance of scoring a win here.

Snowy will again be taken out by C.L. Liu, but I don't think it can win although the pony has been coming along very nicely.

SECOND RACE

Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This race will witness the return encounter between Ringway (H. Tsai) and United Victory (Chen Poo). On the last occasion they met Ringway had the better of United Victory by a length in the

Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting. Ringway must command the most support but, although I am inclined to nominate it to win, I look to United Victory to give it a better fight and with a little luck reverse its last defeat.

Wheel (H. Tsai) and Old Tyre (W.K. Shieh) will fight out the issue.

THIRD RACE

Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This is only a sprint event and will be contested by Class 4 ponies. Over this distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

May Law (M. Samarcq) is long overdue for a win, and I think his chances are rather bright.

Eccstasy (P.Y.T. Wei) and All Gay (E.S. Wong) should be well up at the finish, while Tonyber (A. Ostroouff) and

Chase Maerel (H.K. Hung) which failed so badly the last time out, may make amends in this race.

FOURTH RACE

Handicap (Six Furlongs).

This is another sprint event for Class 5 ponies. Judging from its second placing in the Bridge Hill Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the last meeting, Hiram C (C.H. Renfrew) will be made firm favourite, and it should not disappoint.

There is, of course, just a possibility that Fei Chi (A. Ostroouff) may cause an upset, provided it does not suffer from a bad start.

Silver Dahlia (A. Traver) is coming along nicely in its morning training and if given a flying start it should be well in the race. The shorter distance also favours Gladie (P. Y. T. Wei) and Outsider (R. Tsai) and any one of them may provide a surprise.

Although unplaced the last time out it should not be neglected as it is in fine form at the moment.

TENTH RACE

Proudstown Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

The last race of the day, confined to Class 2 ponies, should provide an interesting duel for honours in which I expect to see Castle Peak (Albert Lam), Cordou Rouge (W. R. Holman), L'Arc Triomphe (C. L. Liu), Huntington (P. Plumby) and Rainbow (P.Y.T. Wei) figuring prominently at the finish.

Carrying 145 lbs., Castle Peak won the Obelisk Hill Handicap at the last meeting for Ponies of 1955, Class A. Though it will be penalised by 7 lbs. on Tuesday, with the distance a little longer, I think another win is indicated.

Cordou Rouge, L'Arc Triomphe and Huntington have shown good form in their morning gallops and should give a good account of themselves against Castle Peak.

Rainbow is very lightly treated in view of the distance it should be worth a ticket each way.

FIFTH RACE

Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

A number of the entries in this race gives me the impression that How Do I Know (C. L. Liu) has a good opportunity of winning.

Same Again (P. Plumby) must be borne in mind as the pony is improving during its morning gallops.

The distance also favours Beautiful Phoenix (H.K. Hung), but I doubt if it can do better than place.

Highlight (W.R. Holman) is also good over this distance and a win only 141 lbs. to handle is a decided chance.

SIXTH RACE

Handicap (From 1½ Mile Post).

This race will be contested by Class 2 ponies. I don't think I will be far wrong in stating that The Champ (E.S. Wong) has the best recommendation for a win here.

Jip On (M. Samarcq) may prove dangerous with Tom Thumb (Chen Poo) also having a say in the matter.

Super-King (H.K. Chung), with 137 lbs. to carry, will probably attract fairly good support.

SEVENTH RACE

Handicap (Six Furlongs).

This race is for Class 4 ponies and amongst the entries I like Cheerful (P. Plumby) the best. This pony is quite fit at the moment. There is Jettifield (K. Kwok) to be reckoned with. This pony is good enough to win.

Winsome (A. Ostroouff) was another disappointment the last time out but can be relied on to do well over this distance and should give the above-mentioned ponies a good run for first position. An outsider keep Supreme Command (H.M. Botelho) in mind as it is very lightly treated.

Otherwise I look to Free Success (P.Y.T. Wei) as the likely winner.

Blossom Time (C.L. Liu), Gallant Knight (Chen Poo) and Jimena P. (A. Ostroouff) are also good over this distance and can be depended upon to give Strathpeffer and Free Success a good fight.

EIGHTH RACE

Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

In this sprint race for the second batch of Class 7 ponies, I think Strathpeffer (P. Plumby) should have a good chance of winning if it succeeds in getting off quickly on the rise of the barrier.

Otherwise I look to Free Success (P.Y.T. Wei) as the likely winner.

Blossom Time (C.L. Liu), Gallant Knight (Chen Poo) and Jimena P. (A. Ostroouff) are also good over this distance and can be depended upon to give Strathpeffer and Free Success a good fight.

NINTH RACE

Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

Expectation, ridden by W.K. Shieh, won the Black Hill Handicap for Class 7 Ponies at the last meeting from the 1½ mile post and, judging from that performance, I consider its prospects of scoring another win rather bright.

Miracle (H.M. Botelho) certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset.

Chase Ting (H.K. Hung) is not bad over this distance and can be depended upon to give the above two ponies a good run for the first position.

Straight Flush (M. Samarcq) is another pony to bear in mind.

TEMPERAMENTAL FIGHTER

The Tragedy Of Peter Keenan

By SYDNEY HULLS

On the quayside in old Marseilles, that glittering, rowdy Mediterranean seaport, I left the lone Scot, Peter Keenan, his face raw with bruises, nose and brow ugly with cuts, wondering if fighting held any future for him.

He had just been punished and outpointed by Emile Chemanna, the Frenchman who is ranked the seventh best Bantamweight in the world.

Keenan was no longer cocky. No more was he flowing with the over-confidence that has earned him more enemies than friends in the eight years he has been fighting his way round the world.

He was wondering, as he has always wondered deep inside after every fight abroad, whether he had proved a fighter worthy of his native Scotland.

Peter Keenan at 27 was very much alone and very much aware of his loneliness.

The tragedy of Peter Keenan is the story of a fighter who allowed his tempestuous feelings to rob him of a second chance of winning a world title fight for Britain.

For Keenan did not have to take that tough fight with Chemanna to earn a World Championship contest with the titleholder, Robert Cohen.

Weeks ago, he was offered the world title match at Belfast and a purse of £2,000.

For some reason, he turned it down. For some cause apart from fighting, he preferred to make a 1,800 mile round trip to Marseilles for defeat from which there may be no recovery.

DISTRUST

I suggest it was because Keenan was a fighter who had all the confidence in the world in himself and none in the fast-talking business men with whom he had to deal.

The background of Keenan's anger and distrust goes back five years to the time when he made his first appearance in London and outpointed the brilliant Belgian, Jean Sneyders.

It was then that Keenan first knew the rumpus and undercurrents that were to plague the rest of his boxing career.

He returned to Scotland convinced he had been furciously under-paid for the fight.

Since then, it has been one long, sorry tale of Keenan's bottling more outside the ring than in it, puzzled, bewildered, not knowing which way to turn.

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The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon on both days.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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WEEK-END CRICKET

Tired Electricians Finish Up 14 Runs Short

By "RECORDER"

George Souza, batting for the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd Hongkong Staff, knocked up a nice 105 runs against the "Home" Staff in the annual Boxing Day match at the Indian Recreation Club yesterday.

One cannot go into ecstasies about this performance, having due regard for the lack of bowlers, but it was a quiet 105 put up to bolster the score up to 193.

In due opposition, A.G. "Danny" Gardner, knocked up a useful 62 runs to bring the "Home" Staff score up to 179. It was a very useful innings (Bill Stoker only scored two and Arthur Pinnell, despite the best advice, exactly nothing) but one has to bear in mind the fact that time, as it invariably does, keeps running out.

Minute descriptions of the fielding are a waste of time after Boxing Day. The captain of the losing team, a character called Williams, followed advice to the point and scored a useful four.

Archie Zirmern was not present, otherwise one might get tempted to comment on the philosophy of cricket.

It was a good game most of the way. A lavish tea was taken without any regard for who would be winners or losers and at that stage nobody was quite certain who would emerge either way. It was A. K. Minu's (not to be confused with Fitty) 32nd annual appearance.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. Mr B. T. Flanagan, recounted non-electric statistics about previous matches in introducing the lady who gave the trophy away who is better known as Mrs Bill ("Nellie") Stoker.

The scores follow:

HONGKONG STAFF

S. A. Khan, b. Stoker	5
A. R. Minu, c. Gardner, b. de Rome	4
S. M. Rumljahn, b. de Rome	4
G. Souza, not out	105
A. L. Cassumbhoy, b. de Rome	1

I. Haroon, b. de Rome	0
K. M. Rumljahn, c. & b. Bottomley	30
M. B. Hassan, c. Borch, b. Bottomley	0
S. H. Khan, b. Stoker	28

A. K. Minu, c. Gardner, b. de Rome	4
S. A. R. Bux, b. Bottomley	12
M. I. Kazack, c. Gardner, b. Kazack	1
Extras	3
Total	193

OVERSEAS STAFF

V. Borch, c. Haroon, b. Bux	4
F. A. Golding, b. Bux	0
T. A. Boycott, c. Cassumbhoy, b. Rumljahn	37
F. B. Thorpe, b. Hassan	0
A. G. Gardner (got very tired and hit wicket), b.	0
Extras	1
Total	42

BOWLING

Dhabar	12.3	3	28	6
A. Myatt	7	1	27	1
C. Myatt	12	3	23	2
Ebert	5	3	23	0
Ragi	1	0	8	0
Arthur Rumljahn	1	1	0	1
A. H. Madar	1	0	9	0

HONGKONG INDIANS

L. G. Ebert, lbw, b. Corbex	1
J. S. Shroff, b. Mahinder Singh	1
P. Ragi, c. H. Singh, b. Corbex	3
A. H. Madar, b. Corbex	18
C. Myatt, b. Mahinder Singh	2
B. N. Hedge, b. Mahinder Singh	6
A. A. Rumljahn, b. Corbex	0
R. Lalchandani, not out	5
B. Dhabar, lbw, b. Corbex	4
A. Myatt, b. Corbex Singh	4
M. Singh, b. Corbex Singh	0
Extras	0
Total	44

BOWLING

Mahinder Singh	8	2	25	3
Corbex Singh	7	3	19	7

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Coxswained by Second Officer Mr B. Stear, Fort Charlotte's lifeboat had a flying start from a point just off Channel Rock and she kept up the lead till the finish just off the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

Second place went to the boat manned by sailors from the ss Adrastrus, and in third place was Fort Charlotte's No. 7 boat.

Last, but not least, came the boat manned by the Pakistani crew of the ss. Alhasan. The boat received equal applause from the spectators because of the sporting spirit of the crew who refused to be towed and insisted on finishing the race.

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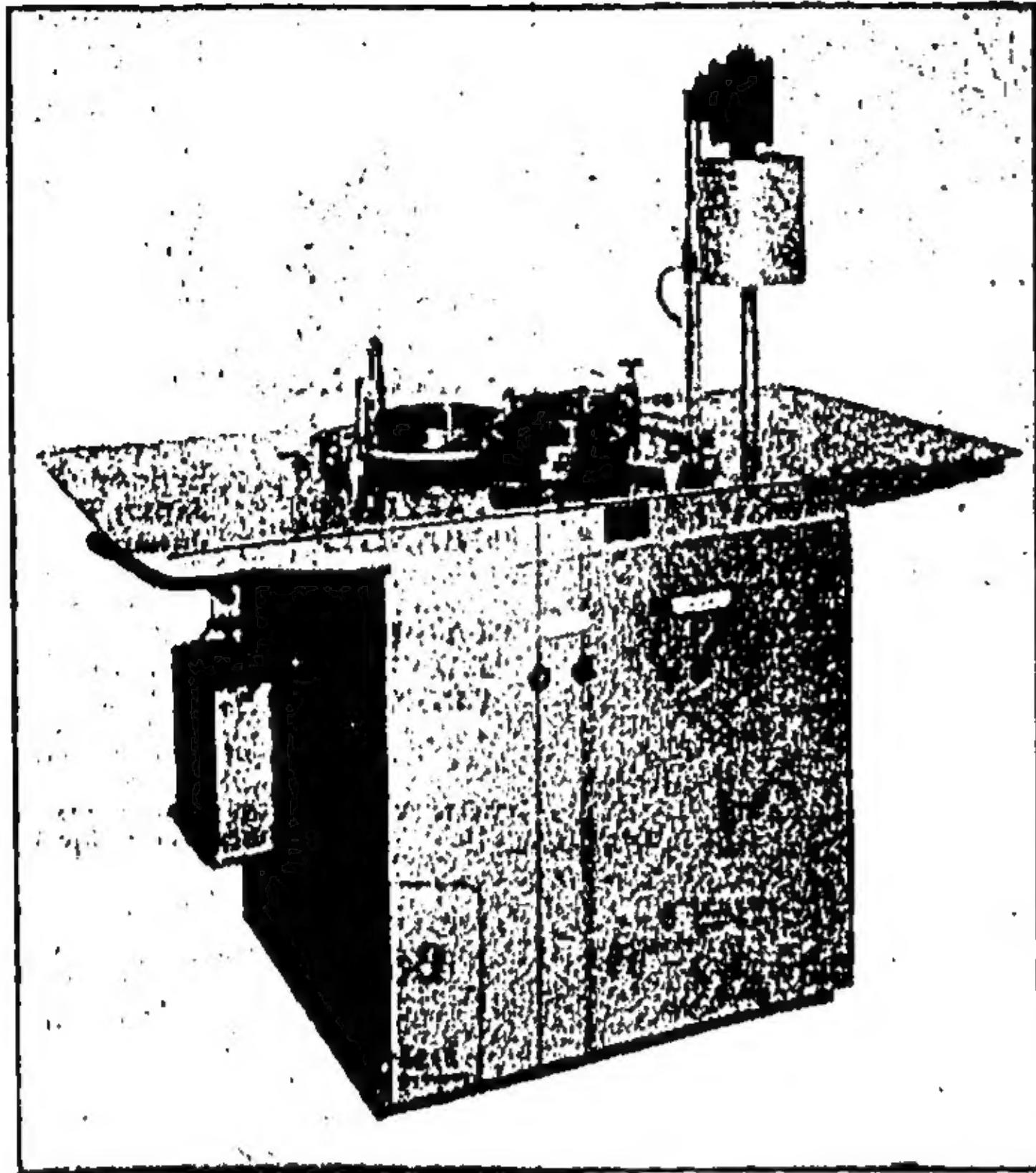
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How Research Is Helping To Produce More Crops

Work Of Britain's Rothamsted Experimental Station
By Ronald W. Clark
Who has recently visited the Station

Wherever workers in Colonial territories are trying to produce better and more fruitful crops, they are likely to be utilising, in one or more of a dozen different ways, the experience and knowledge which have been gained during the last 112 years on the fields of a unique agricultural research institution in Southern England—the Rothamsted Experimental Station.

Rothamsted, the oldest agricultural station of its kind in the world, lies some 25 miles north of London, and has developed in a typically British way.

It was originally the property of a wealthy landowner, Sir John Lawes, who laid out the first experimental fields in 1843 and made an endowment of £100,000 for their continuance. The Station is today financed mainly by Government grants, which provide about nine-tenths of the money needed to carry out its continually expanding work.

Three Categories

About 400 men and women—150 of them trained scientists—work throughout the year at Rothamsted on research that can very roughly be divided into three categories.

One is fundamental research into basic agricultural problems,

the results of which may be equally applicable to any part of the world.

Another is applied investigation into the problems of soil.

This includes study of the ways in which soils are produced from virgin rock—the science of pedology—and study of soil fertility, as well as the allied problems of how plants utilise the various ingredients in the soil or in the different fertilisers with which they can be treated.

The third category covers plant diseases caused by such things as fungi, viruses, insects and soil-borne bacteria, and the best methods of combating such diseases. Much of the fundamental research and applied investigations eventually become of use to workers in the Colonial territories.

In addition, Rothamsted houses the Commonwealth Bureau of Soil Science, an organisation financially separate from, but working in close co-operation with, the Station. It provides workers in soil science all over the world with up-to-date information on any desired aspect of their subject.

Latest Techniques

To appreciate the vast scope of Rothamsted's work, it is necessary to visit the extensive laboratories, the long lines of glass-houses, and the great fields stretching across the open countryside where the work of the scientists is carried out.

In almost every one of the Station's separate departments—those dealing with such subjects as soil microbiology, plant pathology, entomology and insecticides and fungicides—men and women from the Colonial territories are at work with their colleagues from Britain, learning the latest techniques by which agricultural problems can be solved.

In some cases they work on specific Colonial problems. Important to them is the training

provided, for instance, by such men as Dr G. W. Cooke, who helps to give one- or two-year courses to Colonial Office research scholars in methods of carrying out field experiments and in soil fertility generally.

Complementing the constant flow of workers from the Colonial territories to Rothamsted—where on a tour of the laboratories and fields one meets workers from the West Indies, West Africa, Malaya and East Africa—is the movement of experts from Rothamsted to the Colonial territories, where they can investigate specific problems which the special knowledge gained at the Station enables them to tackle.

For instance, there are rarely fewer than two soil surveyors from Rothamsted working in the Colonial territories, and during the last few years co-operation between almost every department of the Station and the Colonial territories has steadily increased.

Day-To-Day Work

The day-to-day work of the Station includes both fundamental and practical work which falls under one of five headings. There is first the task of field experimentation and the analysis by the statistics department of the results obtained; there are the soil surveys of England and Wales and of special areas in various overseas territories which are constantly being carried out; there is the work of obtaining their nutrients from the soil and the ways in which fertilisers can best be used; there is work on the diseases which can strike down crops; and there is, lastly, the work on insecticides and fungicides which are increasingly used to combat insect and bacterial pests.

Each of these five different but complementary aspects of Rothamsted's work affects both directly and indirectly the well-being of the Colonial territories.

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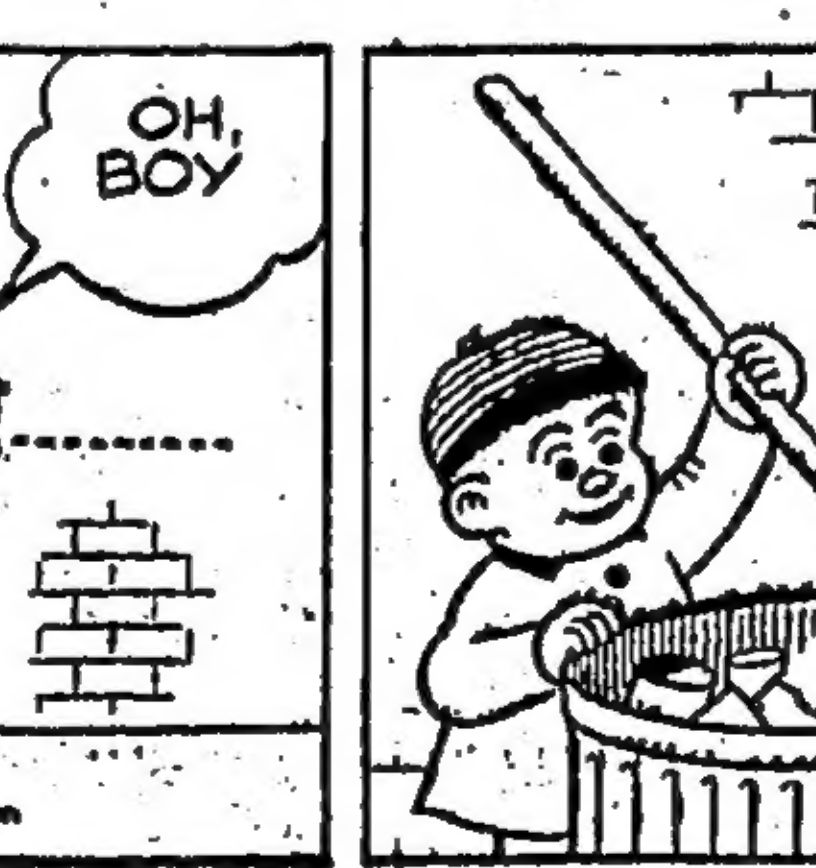
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From Our Economic Correspondent

London, Dec. 26.

Control of the British Treasury has passed to Mr Harold Macmillan at a critical juncture of the country's economic affairs. The situation can best be described as one of delicate balance so a wrong move now could have exceedingly dangerous consequences.

In his handling of this situation Mr Macmillan will inevitably be judged by the high standard set by his predecessor. Mr R. A. Butler will be chiefly remembered as the Chancellor who extricated Britain from one of the worst of its economic crises and went on to dismantle the whole system of rationing and controls which were hampering its recovery.

His favourite theme was "incentive and investment". He received the Bank rate and the principles of monetary discipline. And he believed and still believes that the nation could double its standard of living in 20 years.

He mapped out the broad lines of the country's economic policy and the principles which he expected still hold good. His greatest disappointment must be that he had to leave the Treasury before his policies came to fruition.

His Hope

He had hoped to be the Chancellor who was remembered for making the pound once again a freely convertible currency. On every occasion when he was questioned on this subject Mr Butler repeated his famous three conditions for convertibility: The strengthening of the gold service, good "creditworthiness" by the United States, and financial discipline in the sterling area.

He constantly lectured the people of Britain on the need to strengthen the country's balance of payments. The bare balance, he said, was not enough. A surplus of £300 million taking one year with another was the

minimum required to enable Britain to build up her reserves to repay foreign debt and play her full part in the development of the Commonwealth.

But the paramount problem which he bequeathed to his successor is concerned with internal policy. It is how to maintain full employment without inflation.

The exact causes of inflation are still largely unknown to economists, but nobody understands better than Mr Butler that its eradication calls for decisions over a wide field of economic policy.

He gave a hint of this in one of his last speeches as Chancellor of the Exchequer when he warned the nation that burdens imposed on the Exchequer by the welfare state were constantly growing heavier. He went on: "Unless we can buttress and support the taxation system of this country and make it broad and all embracing, I do not think we can carry the burden which lies before us."

Interconnected

Britain's current economic problems are closely interconnected. The future status of sterling depends on the state of

the balance of payments, which in turn is determined by the level of internal costs. In a state of full employment a rise in costs inevitably results in inflation. And that is a problem which raises important questions of policy on public revenue and expenditure.

In grappling with this complex situation Mr Macmillan faces his biggest political test. His approach to it will be watched with hope and anxiety, not only by the people of Britain but the whole world — London Express Service.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Dec. 26.
The Bank of England statement for the week ended December 21, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	£1,890,003,814
Public deposits	£1,003,105
Private deposits	202,130,360
Government securities	232,354,954
Other securities	2,260,120
Reserves	21,680,725
Ratio	55

—United Press.

American Agricultural Report

Washington, Dec. 22.

American soybean producers will have to do something about meeting Japanese consumer preferences if they want to retain Japan as their biggest customer, according to a report issued today by the Agriculture Department.

This report was prepared for the government by Mr George M. Strayer, executive Vice-President of the American Soybean Association, and Mr Howard Kurtz, member of the Agricultural Marketing Service, after an on-the-spot study in Japan as temporary employees of the Agriculture Department.

Mr Strayer and Mr Kurtz said the Japanese trade government marketing and grading officials they interviewed were "reasonably well-satisfied" with US soybeans but had two principal complaints:

1. US soybeans are not as clean as the Manchurian variety. They contain foreign material such as seeds, stems, corn and coddlebury. The Japanese do not like this because they use soybeans almost entirely for human food, as distinct from the American practice of using oil as food and the meal principally as livestock feed.

2. The green colour of US soybeans gives food products an objectionable colour.

The report's conclusion was that there is a good possibility of maintaining or even expanding soybeans exports to Japan providing the special demands of the Japanese market are met. The report will be taken up at a meeting to be held under government and trade auspices early next year.

—United Press.

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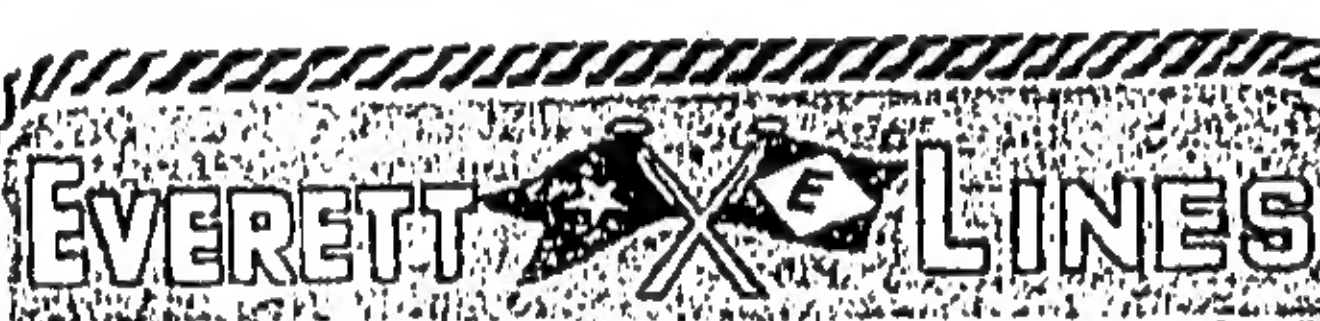
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Manchester United Hold First Division Lead

London, Dec. 26.
Manchester United's brilliant young side held their lead of three points at the head of Division I after today's English soccer league programme.

They followed their 4-1 thrashing of West Bromwich Albion on Christmas Eve with a great 5-1 win today over rival championship contenders Charlton Athletic, at Old Trafford.

Quicksilver inside-forward, Dennis Viollet, who hit a half-trick against WBA was again on the goal standard with another two. Tommy Taylor, Roger Byrne and Ernie Doherty also scored for United. Left-winger Billy Kiernan netted for Charlton.

Blackpool, who have shown signs of faltering in the championship race with recent defeats by Arsenal and Portsmouth, moved back into second spot in the table with a 4-2 home win over struggling Huddersfield Town.

MCC Delight Pakistan Crowds

Karachi, Dec. 26.
The MCC 'A' Team gave a splendid display when they opened their three-month tour of Pakistan today with a match against Karachi Cricket Association here.

The tourists had compiled 323 for the loss of five wickets by the close. The game ends on Wednesday.

Four of the top five batsmen passed the 50 mark and opening batsman Close led by only two runs to reach his halfway century.

Close, Peter Richardson (56), Maurice Tompkin (55), Ken Barrington (70 not out) and Jim Parks (52) delighted the 7,000 spectators by their easy stroke play. All seemed untroubled by the matting pitch, a fact which augurs well for the tourists who have to play the majority of their 15 matches in Pakistan on matting.—Reuter.

Orient Stopped

In the Third Division South Leyton Orient hold their lead but Brighton are getting too close for the London club's comfort.

Orient were stopped 2-2 at home today by Norwich City after being a goal down at half-time. Brighton hit four more goals to beat luckless Newport County 4-1 and Torquay remained well in the running with a 3-2 home win over Southampton.

Grimsby Town moved ahead in the League for the Third Division North; after they ran out to a comfortable 2-0 home win over Bradford while their nearest rivals, Accrington Stanley, were held to a 1-1 draw at Southport.

In another Third Division North match John Whyte, the Bradford City right-back and captain, was ordered off the field after 13 minutes against Scunthorpe. City won a close game 4-3.

LEAGUE I DIVISION

Aston Villa	10
Birmingham	9
Blackpool	8
Bolton	7
Burnley	6
Cardiff City	5
Manchester U.	4
Sheffield U.	3
Sunderland	2
Tottenham	1
Wolverhampton	0

LEAGUE II DIVISION

Blackburn	10
Sheffield W.	9
Fulham	8
Leeds United	7
Lincoln	6
Liverpool	5
Millwall	4
Nottingham	3
Plymouth	2
Port Vale	1
Rotherham U.	0

LEAGUE III (SOUTHERN)

Aldershot	10
Bournemouth	9
Brighton & Hove	8
Colchester	7
Leiston	6
Millwall	5
Shrewsbury	4
Southend U.	3
Swindon	2
Torquay	1
Weymouth	0

LEAGUE III (NORTHERN)

Bradford	10
Chesterfield	9
Gillingham	8
Grimsby Town	7
Hull City	6
Lincoln	5
Manchester City	4
Sheff. Wed.	3
Stockport	2
Tranmere	1
Wrexham	0

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"That pipe the boys got you for Christmas—would you like to take it back and get one that smells better?"

Visiting Seafarers Had Memorable Christmas

Hongkong gave a big welcome to visiting seafarers over Christmas. Worship and merriment mingled in their correct proportions for several hundred seamen at the Missions to Seamen during Christmastide.

On Christmas Eve, 110 Christmas stockings packed with useful and amusing gifts were given to seafaring patients in five hospitals and those in goal were also recipients of presents.

The services of Holy Communion started with the midnight service at which carols were also sung, and five other Holy Communion services throughout the day were also well attended.

At 7 p.m. King George's Hall was packed to the doors and the overflow ran through into the main restaurant, when representatives of the majority of ships in harbour attended the traditional Christmas Dinner.

The loyal toast to "Our Patron, HM The Queen, and our President, The Duke of Edinburgh" was proposed by Col. H. B. L. Dowling who presided as representative of the London Headquarters of the Missions to Seamen, and this toast was given with vocal honours.

Other toasts proposed by the Chaplain, the Rev. W. Brown, were also received with acclamation and included "Absent Friends" and "The generous friends of the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong who provided the Christmas programme."

"And all the poor old Seamen" was sung at Christmas Day.

The cables sent by the Minister of Transport and the Secretary of State were read and warmly received, and greetings from 67 ships and seafaring friends were announced.

Radio Hongkong

12.15 p.m. Morning Prayers by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach (Studio), 12.30 Programme Summary, 1.15 The Music Goes Round and Round, 1.30 News, 2.00 The Hour of Prayer, 2.15 News, 2.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 2.45 News, 3.00 The Hour of Prayer, 3.15 News, 3.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 3.45 News, 4.00 The Hour of Prayer, 4.15 News, 4.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 4.45 News, 5.00 The Hour of Prayer, 5.15 News, 5.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 5.45 News, 6.00 The Hour of Prayer, 6.15 News, 6.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 6.45 News, 7.00 The Hour of Prayer, 7.15 News, 7.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 7.45 News, 8.00 The Hour of Prayer, 8.15 News, 8.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 8.45 News, 9.00 The Hour of Prayer, 9.15 News, 9.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 9.45 News, 10.00 The Hour of Prayer, 10.15 News, 10.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 10.45 News, 11.00 The Hour of Prayer, 11.15 News, 11.30 The Music Goes Round and Round, 11.45 News, 12.00 The Hour of Prayer, 12.15 News, 12.30 The Music Goes 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